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Deputy Alan Kelly,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 56442/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of face to face clinical appointments offered by each senior clinical psychologist in the north Lee child and adolescent mental health psychology service for each month in 2023; the number of staff reporting to each senior clinical psychologist at the end of each month of 2023; and the number of people on the waiting-list of the service for each month of 2023, in tabular form”**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

At the end of 2023 there were 3 staff grade psychologists in post in Cork CAMHS;

- North Cork (1x staff grade)
- South Lee 3 (1 x staff grade)
- West Cork (1 x staff grade)

All other 5 CAMHS teams in Cork either had vacant staff grade posts that we were unable to fill, we were in the process of filling or the staff grades were on mat leave and we had no approval to backfill.

Below are the details requested:

**North Lee East**

Month	Appointments offered	Staff number	Wait list
January	59	1 senior (2x.5)	2
February	47	1 senior (2x.5)	1
March	45	1 senior (2x.5)	2
April	38	1 senior (2x.5)	2
May	32	1 senior (2x.5)	2
June	15	0.5 senior	7
July	33	0.5 senior	13
August	27	0.5 senior	14
September	28	0.5 senior	16
October	24	0.5 senior	16
November	32	0.5 senior	15
December	19	0.5 senior	15



**North Lee West**

Month	Appointments offered (Senior 1 WTE)	Groups (Senior 1 WTE)	Wait list – internal intervention list
January	30	0	6
February	36	0	6
March	27	0	4
April	25	28	4
May	23	36	3
June	36	40	6
July	31	30	5
August	35	0	5
September	20	0	5
October	41	0	3
November	40	0	4
December	22	0	7

Groups offered include Family Connections April-July 12 sessions, 2hrs in duration each, with approx.12 parents in each group.

Note: Waitlist figures quoted are for the internal intervention list which other disciplines take from as well – there is no separate internal psychology waiting list on this team

**North Lee North**

Month	Appointments offered	Staff number	Wait list	Group Client Appointments
January	36	1 senior	8	20
February	23	1 senior	13	21
March	37	1 senior	5	17
April	31	1 senior	4	11
May	43	1 senior	4	5
June	40	1 senior	6	4
July	42	1 senior	4	0
August	28	1 senior	2	0
September	37	1 senior	2	0
October	29	1 senior	3	32
November	43	1 senior	3	32
December	38	1 senior	4	16

Groups offered include numbers of clients seen in groups during specified months i.e. DBT-A (Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Group for Adolescents), Circle of Security Group for Parents (COSP) and OCD Psychoeducation Group for Parents of YP with OCD.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Yours sincerely,

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